

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02415-RDM**

LEOPOLD et al v. U.S. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS  
ENFORCEMENT et al  
Assigned to: Judge Randolph D. Moss  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/22/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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V.

**Defendant**

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**Defendant**

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**Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/22/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5751963) filed by JASON LEOPOLD, BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F, # <u>7</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>8</u> Summons Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 10/22/2018)
10/22/2018	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 10/22/2018)
10/22/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (zmd) (Entered: 10/24/2018)
10/24/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (6) Issued Electronically as to U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zjd) (Entered: 10/24/2018)
10/24/2018	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives set forth in the attached Standing Order. See document for details. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 10/24/2018. (lcrdm2, ) (Entered: 10/24/2018)
11/28/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION served on 11/7/2018 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
11/28/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SERVICES served on 11/6/2018 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
11/28/2018	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 11/7/2018 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
11/28/2018	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT served on 11/19/2018 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
11/28/2018	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/8/2018. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
11/28/2018	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/8/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/8/2018. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
12/10/2018	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT.(Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/11/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to appear for an Initial Scheduling Conference on January 4, 2019, at 10:15 a.m. in Courtroom 21. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall confer in advance of the Initial Scheduling Conference on (1) whether any records can be released, and (2) the proper next steps in this litigation. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 12/11/2018. (lcrdm2, ) (Entered: 12/11/2018)
12/12/2018		Set/Reset Hearings: Initial Scheduling Conference set for 1/4/2019, at 10:15 AM, in Courtroom 21, before Judge Randolph D. Moss. (kt) Modified on 12/17/2018 to correct date (year)(kt). (Entered: 12/12/2018)
12/26/2018	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Marina Utgoff Braswell on behalf of U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS

		ENFORCEMENT (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 12/26/2018)
12/28/2018	<u>13</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Continue <i>the January 4, 2019, Scheduling Conference</i> by U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (Braswell, Marina). (Entered: 12/28/2018)
12/30/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendants' motion to continue the January 4, 2019 Initial Status Conference and to stay the case, Dkt. <u>13</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. The January 4, 2019 ISC is hereby VACATED and this case shall be stayed until further order of the Court. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and submit a proposed date for an initial status conference as soon as Congress appropriates funding for the Department of Justice to resume work. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 12/30/2018. (lcrdm2, ) (Entered: 12/30/2018)
12/31/2018		Case STAYED. (kt) (Entered: 12/31/2018)
02/06/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
02/06/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Given that funding has been restored for the Department of Justice, it is hereby ORDERED that the stay in this case is lifted. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall appear for an Initial Scheduling Conference on March 6, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 21. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall confer in advance of the Initial Scheduling Conference on (1) whether any records can be released, and (2) the proper next steps in this litigation. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 2/6/2019. (lcrdm2, ) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
03/06/2019		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Randolph D. Moss: Initial Scheduling Conference held on 3/6/2019. Oral motion by Defendant to file an Amended Answer; GRANTED, for the reasons stated on the record. Joint Status Report due by 5/1/2019. (Court Reporter: Jeff Hook.) (kt) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/20/2019	<u>15</u>	Amended ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT.(Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 03/20/2019)